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August 7, 2003

Mr. Herbert R. Bivens United Telephone Company, Inc. 120 Taylor Street Chapel Hill, TN 37034

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Mr. Jeff Jung TDS Telecom 301 S. Westfield Rd Madison, WI 53717-1799

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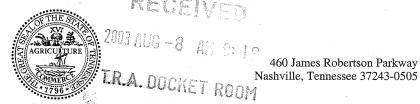
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